

We ought to have in the South country, Frederick a portrait artist, well acquainted to him, who has lately been well
employed by the Government, to the choice of his art. How much more would be satisfactory and his subject.

Brooklyn, August 13/44.

Dear Brother Phelps,

I am confined to my house by illness & my indisposition is my apology for not having written before. I have been threatened with a slight attack of fever, & do not feel able yet to go to my office.

The Committee are pleased with the idea of your
assuming the duties of Secretaries Editors, tho' they wd be more pleased if a
fair and decision could be made now.

I will be responsible to you for the compensation you name, viz. at the rate of \$500 per annum, with the conditions you suggest, for 6 m^{os}. from this date - and then if you have seen our way clear to enter into the arrangement we have discussed I will further more be responsible for the \$1500 per annum while I remain in this neighborhood & have the means. My business is now good & the prospect is good.

Your letter is at my office & therefore I am
not able now to be more precise.

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If you will prepare a number for September I
will have it printed, but I do not feel as if I shall be able to do
much of the work. When I get out I will see what I have to send
you for its columns. Mrs. Wadsworth's letter in the U. M. - a letter from
Loren Andrews - &c. might be published. Judge O'Neal of S. C.
is carrying on a correspondence with me, some part of which might be
published. I think we should have a condensed view of what
has been done here & elsewhere in the cause since the publication of
the last Reporter, about 1842 since. Truly yours

Scus Tappa

L. Tappan,

Aug. 13. 1844.